

C. Remarks

In US 4,954,823, which was noticed to the Office in an Information Disclosure Statement mailed on 12/02/2003, Binstead describes a capacitive touch operated keyboard having a drift compensation circuit for providing a changing threshold. When a user is adjacent multiple keys, Binstead's keyboard selects whichever key provides the maximum signal, and is thus prone to the keying ambiguity that the present invention resolves by suppressing or ignoring signals from other keys as long as the signal from a previously selected key remains above a threshold value.

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